HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 712 By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to recognize Miss Deborah Carroll Odom, 2000 Valedictorian of Middle Tennessee Christian School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Miss Deborah Odom is one such exceptional student who was recently named valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Middle Tennessee Christian School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Deborah has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Miss Odom has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, she has received numerous honors and accolades for her academic success; she is a recipient of the Class of 2000 award, which is given by the Tennessee Department of Education in recognition of those students who have participated in the Tennessee Honors Program; and

WHEREAS, a stellar athlete, Deborah has been a valued and dedicated member of her school's Soccer, Cross Country, and Softball teams; and

WHEREAS, Deborah's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Miss Odom's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Steve and Deloris Odom, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Odom's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Middle Tennessee Christian School Valedictorian, Miss Deborah Carroll Odom, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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